

FORM B - BUILDING

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220 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125



Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 5 Tewksbury Street

Historic Name Clarke-Noyes House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction c.1904

Source Directories, List of Persons

Style/Form Queen Anne

Architect/Builder unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation fieldstone

Wall/Trim wood clapboards, wood shingles

Roof asphalt shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

none

Major Alterations (with dates) c.1990 - rear addition

Condition good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 7360 SF

Setting mixed residential neighborhood



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month/year) January 2000

BUILDING FORM (5 Tewksbury Street)

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of the building in terms of other buildings within the community.

A good example of the Queen Anne-style, 5 Tewksbury Street is a 2 1/2-story dwelling displaying a cross-gable plan. The first floor of the building is sheathed in clapboards and outlined by plain cornerboards and a simple wooden watertable above the fieldstone foundation. The second story of the building is covered in wood shingles while both of the gables are sheathed in staggered wood shingles and have cornice returns. The most distinctive feature of the house is the way in which the front gable is cantilevered out beyond the plane of the wall below, seemingly supported by an offcenter two-story, rectangular bay window which is a single-bay wide. Further accenting the overhang is the east side wall which is flared. Filling the southeast corner of the cross-gable plan is a single-story porch supported by turned posts with jigsaw scroll brackets at the top. The posts are set above a wooden deck with latticed airspace. The simple entrance on the east wall of the house retains its original varnished front door with raised panels and beveled glass. Windows consist of a mix of original 2/1 and more narrow 1/1 sash as well as some 1/1 replacements. There is a diamond-paned stained glass window above the porch and an octagonal window lighting the front hall.

Extending behind the house is a single-story addition set above a concrete foundation. A small parking area is located to the east of the house.

This house was built according to the same plan as the house at 116 Bedford Street which has witnessed extensive alterations including the application of synthetic siding and the replacement of its original porch with a sunporch addition.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Describe the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

It appears that Max Clarke was the first owner of this house and that it was constructed about 1904. Tewksbury Street was not laid out until about 1916; previous to this the house is listed as being "off Bedford Street". The house is located on Lot 17 of George F. Tewksbury's subdivision which was laid out in 1898 (Middlesex County Plan Book 112, Plan 5). Town valuation lists indicate that in 1905 Clarke first paid real estate taxes for a house off Bedford Street, valued at \$2600 with a lot containing 7360 square feet. (This description of the property matches the description of Clarke's house on Tewksbury Street in 1916). Clarke was employed as a clerk at G.W. Spalding's grocery store at 480 Mass. Ave. Clarke continued to live in the house until about 1940, and in the late 1930s and early 1940s lived here with Christine and Margaret Noyes. By 1942 the Misses Noyes were living here alone. Both were teachers - directories state that Margaret taught at the Hancock School. Christine Noyes continued to occupy the house until 1976. It was owned by Kenneth and Nancy Wilson from 1976 until 1991.

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